

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented) A method of cutting a thin film member, comprising the steps of:

adhering the member to a re-usable template having low-tack surfaces and pre-defined cut-out sections;

projecting a laser through the template, without intersecting the template;

cutting the member with the laser to form one or more member formations;

removing the template from the member, which carries off dust generated during the cutting of the member; and

discarding portions of the member that are adhered to the template and maintaining portions cut-out from the thin film member corresponding to the open template portions.

Claim 24 (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the member comprises a multi-layered film having a metal layer and a polymer layer.

Claim 25 (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein the polymer layer of the multi-layered film adds additional support to the metal layer, has a thickness of 10 microns for supporting the metal layer having a thickness of 0.1 microns.

Claim 26 (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the step of providing the template increases dimensional stability, and lowers accumulation of cutting debris, excess heating, and detachment stress.

Claim 27 (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of sandwiching each thin film member with the templates on each side when there is one or more members to be cut.

Claim 28 (previously presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the step of sandwiching the member with the templates comprises having a beneficially different tackiness value between the templates, so that in peeling the template off, the thin film member remains adhered to the other template.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of providing a base having a low tack surface and a solid layer for supporting the member, on the side opposite the template, and the one or more member formations.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the step of providing the base comprises supplying a re-usable layer having pre-defined cut-out sections.

Claim 31 (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of transferring the member formations adhered to the template, which were formed by the cutting element, to a separate location.